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SUBJECT: S/NM MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPECTRAL
DATA CORPORATION

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MR. BROCKMAN, DIRECTOR OF
GLOBOL IN BOLIVIA HAS REQUESTED SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION
(SDC) TO DEVELOP AN INSTRUMENT FOR SIGNATURE ANALYSIS TO
DETECT COCA BY MEANS OF MULTISPECTRAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.
APPARENTLY MR. BROCKMAN SPOKE TO A MR. WILLIAM SMITH,
FORMERLY A CONTRACT GEOLOGIST WORKING WITH GLOBOL AND AID
AND NOW AN SDC REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, REQUESTING
HIM TO CONTACT FORMER AMBASSADOR STEDMAN REGARDING THIS
REQUEST. MR. SMITH WAS ULTIMATELY REFERRED TO S/NM IN
THE DEPARTMENT. A CONFERENCE WITH MR. YOST OF SDC AND HIS
WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE SMITH REVEALED THAT THEY DO NOT
KNOW THE REASON BEHIND THE BOLIVIAN REQUEST. SPECTRAL DATA
HAS INSTRUMENTS PREVIOUSLY USED TO DEVELOP A SIGNATURE FOR
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OPIUM POPPY AND OTHER PLANTS. THE COST TO PUT SUCH IN-
STRUMENTS IN BOLIVIA WITH FULLY TRAINED BOLIVIAN TECHNI-
CIANS IS ESTIMATED AT \$124,000 (INSTRUMENT COSTS ALONE ARE
\$60,000).

2. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY GLOBOL WITH ANY NAR-
COTICS PROJECT. IF THIS REQUEST IS LEGITIMATELY CONNECTED

WITH A NARCOTICS PROJECT WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF A SIGNATURE IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE PART OF ANY MULTISPECTRAL IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE. IN GENERAL, IT REPRESENTS ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF EVENTUAL INSTALLATION AND OPERATIONAL COSTS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND ON THIS BOLIVIAN REQUEST WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE. CHRISTOPHER

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